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The PRESIDENT: I call on the Rapporteur of the First Committee to introduce the reports of the First Committee in one intervention.

Mr. KABORE (Burkina Faso), Rapporteur of the First Committee *(interpretation from French)*: It is my pleasant duty to present to the General Assembly the reports of the First Committee, which, under resolution 47/233, is now called the Disarmament and International Security Committee. The reports are contained in documents A/48/662 to A/48/688, inclusive.

This year the Committee was allocated agenda items 57 to 82 and 156 - that is, 27 items, including 22 sub-items. As it did at the forty-seventh session, the Committee spent most of its time considering matters related to disarmament and international security. Having concluded its consideration of those matters, it then took up the "Question of Antarctica". Under item 156, the Committee held consultations that made it possible to achieve significant results.

The Committee concluded its work after 33 meetings, as compared to 40 last year, thereby responding to the Assembly's appeal that it conduct the work of this session in a new spirit of rationalization and in a way that made better use of the Organization's resources. This result was possible thanks to various factors, including the spirit of open cooperation and conciliation that has prevailed in the Committee since the end of the cold war.

The report on disarmament and international security is contained in documents A/48/662 to A/48/681 and A/48/683 to A/48/687.

The Committee devoted 12 meetings, from 18 October to 28 October, to the general debate on disarmament and international security.

In 1993 there were many events that were very decisive with regard to disarmament and arms control.

Under the heading of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, the Committee welcomed the decision taken on 10 August 1993 by the Conference on Disarmament to give its Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban a mandate to negotiate a comprehensive test ban. There was an appeal that the Ad Hoc Committee should conclude its work before 1995 - the year in which the Review Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held.

Many statements were made with regard to the non-proliferation Treaty with a view to its possible extension without conditions or deadlines. However, it will be up to the 1995 Review Conference to take a decision on this matter. At this point, delegations noted that the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee, held last May, had been widely attended.

Unilateral moratoriums of nuclear States were welcomed as auguring the swift conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty. An appeal was made to all States that had not yet done so to accede to the non-proliferation Treaty.

Nuclear States were invited to conclude bilateral agreements and arrangements with a view to reducing and limiting their stocks of weapons of mass destruction. In this connection, efforts of parties to the START agreements to secure their swift implementation were welcomed.

In January 1993 more than 150 States signed the Convention on chemical weapons in Paris. This was welcomed as a triumph for multilateral disarmament negotiations. An appeal was made to the signatory States to proceed with the ratification necessary for the early entry of the Convention into force in 1995.

Despite enthusiastic discussion, the Committee was unable, because of differences concerning article 11 of the Convention, to adopt the draft resolution on this item.

This year, once again, the Committee, quite rightly, attached special importance to the question of conventional weapons. The over-saturation of such weapons that is a consequence of the cold war has led to an increase in conflicts in many parts of the world. Discussion in the Committee focused on control of arms transfers, with a view to eliminating illicit transfers. The Committee's interest in this item was reflected in its adoption of a draft resolution under which the General Assembly would invite Member States to take the necessary measures to end the illegal export of conventional weapons from their territories.

There was also discussion of the Register of Conventional Arms as one means of ensuring the transparency that could dispel the suspicions that persist as a legacy of the past.The first year's work shows that the current formula for the Register is highly regarded. In all, 88 Member States provided a report on their imports and exports of conventional arms.

In the draft resolution adopted by the Committee, all Member States are invited to submit data and information for the Register to the Secretary-General before 30 April. The Secretary-General is invited to prepare, with the help of a group of governmental experts to be convened in 1994 on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, a report on the Register and any changes to be introduced. The Committee hopes that the report will be submitted at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, thus enabling us to move gradually towards a Register that is satisfactory to everybody.

The Committee also took up the question of conventional weapons that may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects. It is noted that the Secretary-General may, if possible in 1994, convene a conference to review the Convention of 10 October 1980 on the prohibition or limitation of the use of some of these weapons. This conference, if it is held, will provide an opportunity to respond to certain concerns. The debate focused on a more binding and broader convention dealing with all kinds of mines and other types of weapons, such as lasers. The Committee adopted, without a vote, a draft resolution making it binding on all States to conclude a moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land mines.

The Committee also took up the item on the definition and preservation of security in the post-cold war era, using preventive diplomacy and confidence-building measures. The discussion indicated that peace, security and disarmament were closely linked to the finding of a solution to non-military - that is, political and socio-economic - factors. Humanitarian and environmental aspects too had to be taken into account.

The discussion revealed that there were different views as to what ways and means should be used to strengthen and maintain international security. Draft resolutions reflecting this are to be found in documents A/48/684 and A/48/685.

Environmental matters were taken up during consideration of agenda item 76, entitled "Question of

Antarctica". It was at its last two meetings - those of 22 and 24 November - that the Committee dealt with this item. The discussion indicated a greater awareness, on the part of the international community, of the special importance of Antarctica, particularly in respect of peace and international security, the environment, effects on world climatic conditions, the economy and scientific research. This year, there were 12 statements in which delegations emphasized that Antarctica should be a zone of peace and world cooperation. However, the difference of approach based on the legal regime in the Treaty on Antarctica - a difference between parties to the Treaty, on one hand, and non-parties, on the other hand - made it impossible to achieve consensus on the draft resolution to be found in document A/48/681. For the ninth time, the Consultative Parties were unable to participate in the decision.

Under agenda item 156 entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee" - the relevant report of the First Committee is to be found in document A/48/688 - I should say that the Chairman's efforts this year were extremely successful. The Chairman, in consultation with the "friends of the Chairman", made possible the Committee's adoption, by consensus, of a draft resolution on the rationalization of its work.

In order to enhance its effectiveness, the Committee decided, *inter alia*, to adopt a thematic approach to items submitted by Member States, grouping them into 10 major subject areas - nuclear weapons; other weapons of mass destruction; conventional weapons; regional disarmament and security; confidence-building measures, including transparency in armaments; outer space, in so far (disarmament aspects); disarmament machinery; other disarmament measures; international security; and related matters of disarmament and international security.

With a view to further consideration of this issue, the Chairman of the Committee took the initiative of distributing document A/C.1/48/9, to serve as a basis for discussion.

Before concluding, I should like to pay a well-deserved tribute to all the members of the Committee, whose spirit of cooperation and conciliation made it possible for the Committee to carry out its work.

The lion's share of the credit goes to Chairman of the Committee, His Excellency Ambassador Adolf Ritter Von Wagner, whose impeccable mastery of disarmament and international security issues and his well-known diplomatic skills left their mark on the successful work of the Committee.

I should also like to thank the Committee's Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Javier Ponce and Mr. Behrouz Moradi, who discharged their responsibilities most ably.

I should also like to express my appreciation to the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. Marrack Goulding, for his valuable contribution, and to the acting Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Prvoslav Davinic, for his contribution.

I also take great pleasure in warmly thanking the Committee Secretary, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi, whose ability and vast experience contributed greatly to the successful conclusion of our work. I should also like to thank all those who cooperated with him, including the interpreters and the technical staff, who made a real contribution to the smooth functioning of the Committee.

Finally, I must report that I received a letter from the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission, dated 14 December 1993, indicating that during the organizational session of the Disarmament Commission, held on 9 and 14 December 1993, members of the Commission agreed to propose the introduction of the following amendments to the text of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/48/L.3/Rev.1, dealing with agenda item 73 (a), in order to reflect in operative paragraphs 11 and 12 decisions already taken by the Commission at its organizational session.

Operative paragraph 11 should read: "Notes that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 organizational session, adopted the following items ...", instead of "Recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 organizational session, adopt the following items ...".

Operative paragraph 12 would read, "Notes also that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 organizational session, included in the agenda ...", instead of "Recommends that the Disarmament Commission, at its 1993 organizational session, include the following items ...".

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the First Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the First Committee have been made

clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant *Official Records*.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the Assembly agreed that:

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the First Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the First Committee, unless notified otherwise in advance. This means that where recorded, separate or roll-call votes were taken, we shall do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the First Committee.

The Assembly will first consider the report (A/48/662) of the First Committee on agenda item 57, entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/48/662).

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/61).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is also the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report (A/48/663) of the First Committee, on agenda item 58, entitled "Reduction of military budgets".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

The draft resolution, entitled "Reduction of military budgets: transparency of military expenditures", was adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/62).

The PRESIDENT: May I also take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/664) of the First Committee on agenda item 59, entitled "Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/63).

The PRESIDENT: May I also take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/665) of the First Committee on agenda item 60, entitled "Education and information for disarmament".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/64).

The PRESIDENT: May I also take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/666) of the First Committee on agenda item 61, entitled "Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons". The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of that report.

The draft resolution, entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction", was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly too wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/65).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report (A/48/667) of the First Committee on agenda item 62, entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security". The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: France, Israel, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Abstaining: Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 126 votes to 4, with 35 abstentions (resolution 48/66).*

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/668) of the First Committee on agenda item 63, entitled "The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields". The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China,

Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Andorra, France, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 161 votes to none, with 5 abstentions (resolution 48/67).

The PRESIDENT: May I consider that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/669) of the First Committee on agenda item 64, entitled "Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification". The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of that report.

There has been a request for a separate vote on paragraph 2. As there is no objection to that request, I shall now put to the vote first paragraph 2 of the draft resolution.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Andorra, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Swaziland

Paragraph 2 was adopted by 140 votes to 8, with 17 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The draft resolution, as a whole, was adopted by 145 votes to none, with 22 abstentions (resolution 48/68).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/670) of the First Committee on agenda item 65, entitled "Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water". The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania,

Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkey

The draft resolution was adopted by 118 votes to 3, with 45 abstentions (resolution 48/69).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/671) of the First Committee on agenda item 66, entitled "Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of that report. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/48/759.

The draft resolution, entitled "Comprehensive test ban treaty", was adopted by the First Committee without a vote, in what was surely a historic occasion. May I consider that the Assembly also wishes to adopt the draft resolution without a vote?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/70).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/672) of the First Committee on agenda item 67, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report. The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/71).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/673) of the First Committee on agenda item 68, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Bhutan, India, Mauritius

Abstaining: Algeria, Brazil, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia,

Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Myanmar, Seychelles, Viet Nam

The draft resolution was adopted by 153 votes to 3, with 12 abstentions (resolution 48/72).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/674) of the First Committee on agenda item 69, entitled "Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: France, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 166 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (resolution 48/73).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report (A/48/675) of the First Committee on agenda item 70, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of that report.

We shall turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space". A separate vote has been requested on the eighteenth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraphs 8 and 10.

There appears to be no objection to that request. I shall therefore put to the vote first the eighteenth preambular paragraph. A recorded vote has also been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti,

Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The eighteenth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A was retained by 129 votes to none, with 40 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now put to the vote paragraph 8 of draft resolution A, on which a separate vote has been requested. A recorded vote has also been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Paragraph 8 of draft resolution A was retained by 138 votes to 1, with 30 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT: I shall next put to the vote paragraph 10 of draft resolution A, on which a separate vote has been requested. A recorded vote has also been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated

States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Paragraph 10 of draft resolution A was retained by 118 votes to none, with 47 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote draft resolution A as a whole. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: United States of America

Draft resolution A as a whole was adopted by 169 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 48/74 A).

The PRESIDENT: We turn now to draft resolution B, "Study on the application of confidence-building measures in outer space". The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 48/74 B).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/676) of the First Committee on agenda item 71, "General and complete disarmament".

I call upon the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. AL-ATTAR (Syrian Arab Republic) *(interpretation from Arabic)*: My delegation reaffirms its full support for the universal endeavour to realize an international community free from the use or threat of force and ruled by the principles of justice, freedom and peace, and it reaffirms its readiness to participate in any

international good-faith efforts aimed at achieving that goal.

We would, however, draw the Assembly's attention to the fact that draft resolution E, "Transparency in armaments" (A/48/676), does not take into account the special situation that exists in the region of the Middle East, where the Arab-Israeli conflict is still going on as a result both of Israel's continuing occupation of Arab territories and its refusal to implement the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and of Israel's possession of the most dangerous weapons of mass destruction and its ability to manufacture and store the most sophisticated of weapons. Thus Israel's purported transparency in armaments reveals only the tip of the iceberg.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly has before it 12 draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 43 of its report (A/48/676). I shall put the 12 draft resolutions to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their vote.

We will turn first to draft resolution A, "Relationship between disarmament and development". The First Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 48/75 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Bilateral nuclear-arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament". The First Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 48/75 B).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution C is entitled "General and complete disarmament". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: France, Israel, Monaco, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine

Draft resolution C was adopted by 114 votes to 6, with 45 abstentions (resolution 48/75 C).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution D is entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution D was adopted (resolution 48/75 D).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution E is entitled "Transparency in armaments". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution E was adopted (resolution 48/75 E).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution F is entitled "International arms transfers". Since there is no request for a recorded vote in the plenary Assembly, may I take it that

it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt draft resolution F?

Draft resolution F was adopted (resolution 48/75 F).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution G is entitled "Regional disarmament". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution G was adopted (resolution 48/75 G).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution H is entitled "Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms."

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia

Against: None

Abstaining: Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Georgia, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Sweden, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zimbabwe

Draft resolution H was adopted by 146 votes to none, with 22 abstentions (resolution 48/75 H).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution I is entitled "Regional disarmament". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America,

Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: India

Draft resolution I was adopted by 170 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 48/75 I).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution J is entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, Viet Nam

Draft resolution J was adopted by 156 votes to none, with 11 abstentions (resolution 48/75 J).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution K is entitled "Moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land-mines". The Committee adopted draft resolution K without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution K was adopted (resolution 48/75 K).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution L is entitled "Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices". The Committee adopted draft resolution L without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution L was adopted (resolution 48/75 L).

The PRESIDENT: I now call on the representative of Argentina, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote.

Mr. VERDIER (Argentina) *(interpretation from Spanish)*: The delegation of Argentina would like to explain its abstention in the voting on the draft resolution which in the First Committee was issued as document A/C.1/48/L.10 and which the General Assembly has just adopted.

Argentina's commitment to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is one of the pillars of its foreign policy. Through national decisions and through its position in international forums, my country has lent its support to the various regimes governing the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, chemical weapons and biological weapons. However, in the proposal contained in the draft resolution to which I have referred, my delegation notes that there is not the context of minimal agreement that is essential to the consideration of an issue of such paramount importance on the international agenda.

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/677) of the First Committee on agenda item 72, entitled "Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly".

The Assembly has before it five draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 20 of that report. I shall put the five draft resolutions to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their votes.

We shall turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "Regional confidence-building measures". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A is contained in document A/48/758.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Georgia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft resolution A was adopted by 168 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions (resolution 48/76 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan,

Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Draft resolution B was adopted by 120 votes to 23, with 24 abstentions (resolution 48/76 B).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution C is entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme". The First Committee adopted draft resolution C without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 48/76 C).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution D is entitled "United Nations Disarmament Information Programme". The First Committee adopted draft resolution D without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution D was adopted (resolution 48/76 D).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution E is entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean". The First Committee adopted draft resolution E without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution E was adopted (resolution 48/76 E).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the First Committee (A/48/678) on agenda item 73, entitled "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 14 of that report.

Draft resolution A is entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission". As there is no request for a recorded vote in plenary, may I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft resolution, as orally amended?

Draft resolution A, as orally amended, was adopted (resolution 48/77 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/48/759.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution B without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 48/77 B).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the First Committee (A/48/679) on agenda item 74, entitled "Israeli nuclear armament".

I call on the representative of Venezuela for an explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. TAYLHARDAT (Venezuela) *(interpretation from Spanish):* Venezuela will vote in favour of the draft resolution on Israeli nuclear armament. This reflects the firm and consistent position traditionally held by Venezuela against the proliferation of nuclear weapons and in support of nuclear disarmament. This position is not new and we have stood by it in the past in all bodies and forums where questions have been raised that, in one way or another, directly or indirectly affect the efforts of the international community in general and of the United Nations in particular to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In the case of the draft resolution on which we are about to vote, we are aware of the important positive developments that have arisen in the efforts to achieve a solution to the problems in the Middle East that would take account of the interests of all parties. This positive evolution is duly recognized and recorded in the third preambular paragraph of the draft resolution and in its tone, language and import. We feel that it is necessary, however, to pursue the efforts of the international community to ensure that all States, without exception,

renounce the possession of nuclear weapons and accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

In our opinion, the draft resolution on which we are going to vote reflects the firm purpose of the international community to strengthen by all means possible the international non-proliferation regime as the most effective way of achieving our ultimate goal, the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (document A/48/679).

The voting process has now begun. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Against: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Zambia

The draft resolution was adopted by 53 votes to 45, with 65 abstentions (resolution 48/78).

The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. FEDOTOV (Russian Federation) *(interpretation from Russian)*: In the view of the Russian Federation the vote just taken on the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 7 of the report of the First Committee (A/48/679), entitled "Israeli nuclear armament", reflects the trend in the General Assembly to move away from, and indeed reject, confrontational decisions on issues related to the Middle East. Such decisions are unlikely to be conducive to a good climate for the peace process. We note that its sponsors made changes in the draft resolution compared with similar texts put before the Assembly during previous sessions. But in our view these are insufficient to alter the resolution's one-sidedness. Hence, my delegation abstained in the voting on this draft resolution. This should be seen as reflecting our desire to avoid one-sided approaches to so complex an issue, a desire deriving from Russia's special responsibility as a co-sponsor of the peace process.

The Russian delegation wishes also to state that, as a consistent advocate of strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime, we believe that the accession of all States of the region to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the conversion of the Middle East to a zone free from weapons of mass destruction remain highly relevant.

Mr. CURE (Mauritius): My delegation wishes to explain its change of vote on the draft resolution entitled "Israeli nuclear armament". The delegation of Mauritius voted in favour of the draft resolution in the First Committee because it attaches great importance to the issue of non-proliferation and has always strongly supported the various international efforts to restrict the spread of nuclear weapons on the global and regional levels. The recent decisions by France, China and South Africa to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons are among the latest positive developments in that regard.

My delegation feels that accession by Israel to the non-proliferation Treaty and its agreement to the safeguards regime of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), along with other countries of the region, would enhance the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in

the Middle East. In our view, the singling out of any country is detrimental to the current peace process and to the favourable prevailing climate for the ongoing negotiations.

For those reasons, my delegation abstained in the voting on this draft resolution in the General Assembly.

Mr. REPISHTI (Albania): In explaining its vote, my delegation wishes to express some of its opinions about the resolution just adopted.

Albania decided to abstain in the voting on the draft resolution. My delegation would like to emphasize that the adoption of such resolutions could have a negative impact on the peace-building dialogue between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel, which has just begun. Moreover, my delegation believes that the international community's concern for the establishment of peace in the Middle East has increased and that its efforts in that regard are becoming more effective every day.

The spirit of the recent historic developments in the Middle East peace process should send a clear message not only to those living in the region but to everyone in the world.

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/680) of the First Committee on agenda item 75, entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 13 of that report. A separate vote has been requested on the fifth preambular paragraph.

As there is no objection to the request for a separate vote, I shall first put to the vote the fifth preambular paragraph.

We shall now begin the voting process. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay

The fifth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution was retained by 85 votes to 2, with 62 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia,

Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Georgia, Russian Federation, United States of America

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 162 votes to none, with 3 abstentions (resolution 48/79).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/681) of the First Committee on agenda item 76, entitled "Question of Antarctica".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report.

I call now on representatives wishing to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. POLITI (Italy): On behalf of the States parties to the Antarctic Treaty, I wish before the voting to express our regret that for the ninth time since 1985, and despite the efforts that have been made, no consensus has been reached on the question of Antarctica. In the view of the States parties, consensus is the only way to deal with this question in the General Assembly. For more than 30 years the Antarctic Treaty has been a uniquely successful agreement for the peaceful uses of the continent.

While there are elements in draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.57 that consider Antarctic issues in a more constructive and cooperative manner, the draft resolution fails to reflect adequately the role of the Treaty system in furthering international cooperation in Antarctica and the Treaty's significant achievements.

The States Parties to the Treaty will therefore not participate in the voting on the draft resolution, and we appeal to all delegations to do the same in order to underline the belief that the question of Antarctica should be dealt with on a consensus basis. I hereby request that the vote on the draft resolution be taken by roll-call and that the record of the meeting clearly indicate those States that, like mine, choose not to participate in the voting.

Mr. PAIJAN (Brunei Darussalam): For a number of years my country has been favourably supporting the question on Antarctica. It is therefore my delegation's wish to put on record that Brunei Darussalam would like to join the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/48/L.57.

The PRESIDENT: The request of the representative of Brunei Darussalam has been noted.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/48/681).

We shall now begin the voting process.

As representatives have heard, a roll-call vote has been requested. Delegations are reminded that a roll-call procedure was also used in the First Committee.

A roll-call vote was taken.

Guinea-Bissau, having been drawn by lot by the President, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana,

Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Gabon, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Portugal, Turkey, Venezuela

The draft resolution was adopted by 96 votes to 0, with 7 abstentions (resolution 48/80).*

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/682) of the First Committee on agenda item 77, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The First Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/80).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We will now consider the report (A/48/683) of the First Committee on agenda item 78, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: France, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova,

Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

The draft resolution was adopted by 130 votes to 4, with 36 abstentions (resolution 48/82).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We will now consider the report (A/48/684) of the First Committee on agenda item 79, entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The draft resolution was adopted by 122 votes to 1, with 45 abstentions (resolution 48/83).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We will now consider the report (A/48/685) of the Committee on agenda item 80, entitled "Maintenance of international security". We will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 12 of its report. Draft resolution A is entitled "Maintenance of international security". We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay

Against: None

Abstaining: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Draft resolution A was adopted by 84 votes to none, with 83 abstentions (resolution 48/84 A).

The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution B is entitled "Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States". The First Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 48/84 B).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80?

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/686) of the First Committee on agenda item 31, entitled "Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of that report. The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly too wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/85).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81?

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report (A/48/687) of the First Committee on agenda item 82, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of that report. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/48/760.

The draft resolution, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Africa", was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/86).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82?

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report (A/48/688) of the First Committee on agenda item 156, entitled "Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee".

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of that report. The draft resolution, entitled "Rationalization of the work of the Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee", was adopted by the First Committee without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly too wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 48/87).

The PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156?

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT: The marathon is over, and the General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

The meeting rose at 5.35 p.m.

ANNEX

Changes in Recorded and/or Roll-call Votes

Resolution 48/66

Subsequent to the voting, the delegation of the United States of America advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote against.

Resolution 48/75 C

Subsequent to the voting, the delegation of Mozambique advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

Resolution 48/75 H

Subsequent to the voting, the delegation of the United States of America advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

Resolution 48/80

During the roll-call vote, the following members announced that they were not participating: Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay